

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

the media serves as the only check and balance we the people really have on our government. with out an unbiased and well informed media, you cannt have a well informed population. this is why the selling of the media to the highest bidder is such a dangerous mistake. those with the money to control such a large and vital organ of the american strata carry the ball and chain of monetary intrets that always come with investments. there is an agenda for those folks with the money, and that agenda is to keep making money..which im affraid means (no cpncern for the welfare of the public) tilting the table in their favor, which they can and will do with such power..through the supression of certain news and images and the proliferation of other more pleasing and positive images to support the status quo...which means more of the same..and for the average american that is not something to look forward to.